

Abstract

The Bachelor Thesis "Development of relations between the Czech Republic and the Sudeten German Homeland Association (Sudeten German Landsmannschaft) after 2004" deals with the transformation of relations of these parties after 2004, respectively the accession of the Czech Republic to the European Union. The chosen method of elaboration of this bachelor thesis is a case study with diachronic and synchronous comparison. The first part describes the position of the Association within the Federal Republic of Germany, respectively Bavaria and its development. This part includes description of the main requirements, its course and important persons of the Association and analysis of its negotiating position. The second chapter deals with the development of relations between the Association and the Czech Republic at the presidential level in the context of selected important events. The central part of this chapter is the approach of the Czech Presidents to the Sudeten German question represented by Bernd Posselt. The last chapter, on the contrary, deals with the level of government relations in the context of these events. The work based on the comparison of different approaches of Czech political figures shows the direction of the development of relations between the Czech Republic and the Association. It also analyses the different attitudes of individual parties of the Czech political scene. The initial hypothesis of this work is that after 2004 there was an improvement in relations between the Landsmannschaft and the Czech Republic. Although the Sudeten German question is a rather marginal political issue these days, it is still able to disrupt otherwise good relations even after the Czech Republic has become part of the European Union.